

OT Search

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OT Search is a bibliographic database covering the literature of occupational therapy and related subject areas, such as rehabilitation, education, psychiatry or psychology, and health care delivery or administration.

Note: The full text of the indexed resources is not in *OT Search*, just the bibliographic information to identify the material and the author's abstract when one exists. A list of all items indexed in *OT Search* is available by clicking on the Indexed Items link on the homepage.

OT Search can be accessed from the alphabetical database list at www.libraries.wvu.edu/databases.

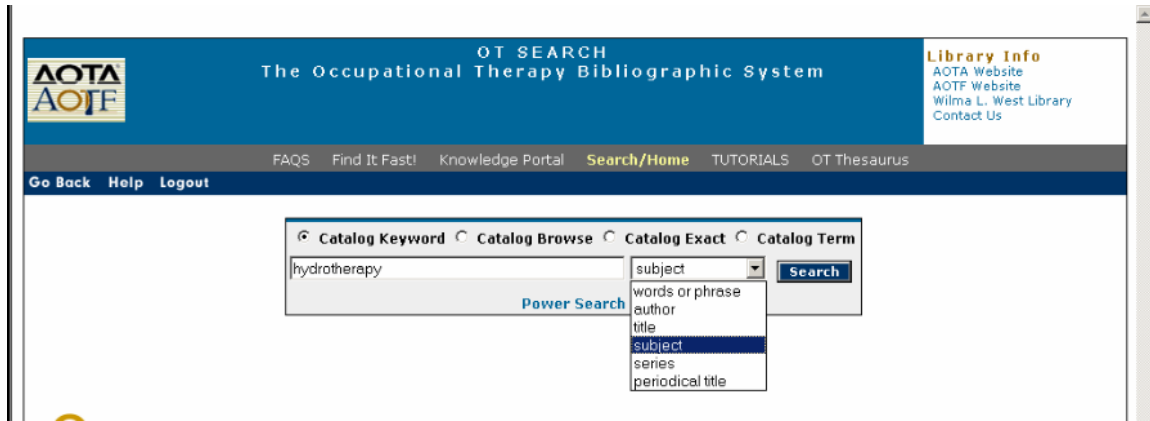
The home page of *OT Search* includes a Tip of the Day, Top Viewed Records, Top Requested Authors, and the current Top 12 Search Topics.

The screenshot shows the OT Search homepage. At the top, there is a header with the AOTA and AOJF logos, the text 'OT SEARCH THE OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY BIBLIOGRAPHIC SYSTEM', and 'WILMA L. WEST LIBRARY | AOTF | AOTA'. On the left side, there is a vertical navigation menu with buttons for 'OT Search', 'Tutorials', 'Features', 'FAQS/Help', 'Indexed Items', 'OT 101 topics', 'OT Thesaurus', and 'Contact us'. An arrow points to the 'OT Search' button. The main content area is divided into three columns. The first column is titled 'Tip of the Day' and contains a section on 'Operator Precedence' with a list of search operators: =, <, < >, <=, >, >=, NEAR, ADJ, WITH, SAME, AND, NOT, XOR, OR. The second column is titled 'Top Viewed Records' and contains a list of article titles, such as 'Relationships of cognitive performance and Daily function of clients following right hemisphere stroke: predictive and ecological validity of the LOTCA Battery'. The third column is titled 'Top Requested Authors' and contains a list of names: Kielhofner, G; Reilly, M; Dunn, W; Fidler, G; Yerxa, EJ.

Click on the *OT Search* button at the upper left corner of the screen to access the database.

Searching the Database

Basic Search: Perform a search for **hydrotherapy** as a subject:



The search results are displayed in chronological reverse order, most current listed first.

Clicking on **Details** brings up brief information on each citation.

Note: Not all records in OT Search have abstracts. If no abstract is provided in the original document, it will not be featured in the database.

The screenshot shows the OT Search interface. At the top left is the AOTA/AOTF logo. The main header reads "OT SEARCH The Occupational Therapy Bibliographic System". On the top right, there is a "Library Info" section with links to "AOTA Website", "AOTF Website", "Wilma L. West Library", and "Contact Us". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "FAQS", "Find It Fast!", "Knowledge Portal", "Search/Home", "TUTORIALS", and "OT Thesaurus". A secondary navigation bar contains: "Go Back", "Help", "New Search", "Previous", "Next", "X-Refs", "Change Display", "Kept", and "Logout". The main content area displays "record 1 of 33 for search subject 'hydrotherapy'". On the left, there is a "Keep" button and links for "Find more by this author", "Find more on these topics", "Nearby items on shelf", "Continue search in" (with sub-links for "Web Resources" and "AOTA Website"), and "Subject Information" (with sub-link for "more information: External application of water for therapeutic purposes. [MESH]"). The main record area has two tabs: "Item Information" and "Catalog Record". The "Catalog Record" tab is active, showing the following details: Title: "In the Clinic: In the swim: addressing health concerns of adults with Down Syndrome" by Lavey, MB; Publisher: American Occupational Therapy Association; Pub date: 2005 Mar 21; Pages: 21-23; Copy info: 1 copy available in STACKS, 1 copy total in all locations. Below this is a "Holdings" section with a table:

Call number	Copies	Material	Location
XX(66506.1) V.10 NO.5	1	Journal Article	Standard shelving location

Click on **Catalog Record** to view more information including the journal title and abstract, if available.

This screenshot shows a more detailed view of the "Catalog Record" for the same article. The header and navigation elements are identical to the previous screenshot. The main content area displays "record 1 of 35 for search words or phrase 'hydrotherapy'". The "Catalog Record" tab is active, showing the following details: Title: "In the Clinic: In the swim: addressing health concerns of adults with Down Syndrome" by Lavey, MB; Key: 000066506; Local system #: (SIRS1) 000066506; Personal Author: Lavey, MB; Added author: Schumacher, S; Title: In the Clinic: In the swim: addressing health concerns of adults with Down Syndrome.; Journal Title: OT Practice; Publication info: Bethesda, MD: American Occupational Therapy Association, 2005 Mar 21.; Volume: 10; Issue: 5; Date: 2005 Mar 21; Physical descrip: 21-23; General Note: Swim Group; Subject term: DOWN SYNDROME; Subject term: EXERCISE THERAPY; Subject term: HEALTH PROMOTION; Subject term: HYDROTHERAPY; Subject term: ADULT; Subject term: CASE STUDY.

Power Search:

The screenshot displays the OT SEARCH interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the AOTA and AOJF logos on the left, the text 'OT SEARCH The Occupational Therapy Bibliographic System' in the center, and 'Library Info' with links to 'AOTA Website', 'AOJF Website', 'Wilma L. West Library', and 'Contact Us' on the right. Below the header is a navigation bar with links for 'FAQS', 'Find It Fast!', 'Knowledge Portal', 'Search/Home', 'TUTORIALS', and 'OT Thesaurus'. The main content area features a search form with a 'words or phrase' field and a dropdown menu for 'And'. Below this are fields for 'author', 'title', 'subject', 'series', and 'periodical title', each with its own 'And' dropdown. A 'Search' button and a 'Reset' button are positioned below these fields. Further down are filters for 'language: Any', 'type: Any', 'location: Any', 'match on: Keywords', 'pubyear: [text input]', and 'sort by: New to Old'. To the right of the search area is a 'Catalog Searches' box with links for 'BROWSE' and 'CALL_NUMBER'.

OT Search's Power Search can be used to combine search elements to refine a search, to limit a search based on criteria configured by your library, produce a browse list of specified items, or perform a call number search.

Combining Search Elements

Use Power Search to combine search elements separated by Boolean operators. You can combine word or phrase, author, title, subject, series, and periodical title searches. OT Search will search for any records containing the combined information. Use the [Boolean operator](#) pull-down menu to further refine your search.

After you have entered the search criteria, select the Search button to perform the power search. Select the Reset button if you want to clear the fields and enter different search criteria.

Limiting the Search

Use Power Search to limit your search based on criteria such as document language, type, year of publication, or location.

Browsing

From the Power Search page, switch to Browse to produce a browse list of items. The browse list may be produced based on a search of an author, a title, a subject, a series, or a periodical or journal title.

Occupational Therapy Thesaurus

In order to search OT SEARCH more efficiently and to improve the percentage of relevant references retrieved in a search, it is advisable to select appropriate terms from the thesaurus before performing a search.

The [Occupational Therapy Thesaurus](#) is a searchable database of controlled vocabulary terms used to index materials catalogued in OT Search. This thesaurus is based on the National Library of Medicine's Medical Subject Headings (MeSH).

* Advantages of using the thesaurus?

- identify valid subject headings useful in streamlining your query.
- thesaurus-based search interface is probably the easiest and most focused
- In contrast to a generic keyword search, using subject terms from the thesaurus will narrow down your bibliographic references to only the most relevant documents.
- The new thesaurus allows you to browse subject term hierarchies
- To narrow down your search, use subject or Thesaurus-based terms, or use the operator "and" to combine sets in your query.

The screenshot shows the OT SEARCH website interface. At the top, there is a blue header with the AOTA and AOTF logos on the left, the text "OT SEARCH The Occupational Therapy Bibliographic System" in the center, and "Library Info" with links to "AOTA Website", "AOTF Website", "Wilma L. West Library", and "Contact Us" on the right. Below the header is a dark grey bar with the title "Occupational Therapy Thesaurus". Underneath, there are two main options: "Download/Print the Thesaurus in PDF format" and "Browse the Thesaurus Hierarchy by Subject". The "Browse" option is selected, leading to a list of subject categories: ANATOMY, ORGANISMS, DISEASES, CHEMICALS AND DRUGS, ANALYTICAL, DIAGNOSTIC & THERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUE, PSYCHIATRY & PSYCHOLOGY, BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, PHYSICAL SCIENCES, ANTHROPOLOGY, EDUCATION, SOCIOLOGY & SOCIAL PHENOMENA, TECHNOLOGY, INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, FOOD, HUMANITIES, INFORMATION SCIENCES, PERSONS, HEALTH CARE, and GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS. At the bottom, there is a logo for "OT SEARCH" and copyright information: "Copyright © 2004, The American Occupational Therapy Association & The American Occupational Therapy Foundation".

Managing Your Search Results:

To download your search results, click on the **Keep** button on your screen for each title that you want and select **Kept** to save, print or email your records.

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